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1. Principal exports to the Soviet Union through the harbor of Constanta include such items as sugar, cement, glass, pipe, cereals, timber, petroleum products and fruit pulp. Reportedly, the entire output of the Phoenix seed oil refinery is also being exported to the Soviet Union.
2. The use of merchandise purchased in State-operated shops for making other products which are intended for sale on the open market is prohibited. Two pastry confectioners were tried in a public square in Bucharest and sentenced to six years imprisonment for having used sugar, which they had bought in State shops to make pastry which was later sold on the market. [redacted] the trial of these two men was the first trial which has ever been held in an open square in Rumania.
3. Farmers are required by law to turn over 35 per cent of all pork they obtain from their slaughtered pigs to an organization called Comcar. Those who operate poultry farms are also required to turn over to Comcar an unspecified quantity of eggs during each year.
4. The Rumanian Government plans to establish a new agency, to be named Torburi, which will control all private businesses still functioning in the country. This agency will also supervise all professionals such as doctors and lawyers.

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1. In September and November 1951 all the employees of government-operated enterprises were compelled to participate in air defense exercises. In Bucharest the street "responsibles" inspected all attics to make certain that no inflammable materials were stored there.
2. Meetings were held in various factories and enterprises to urge the employees and workers to donate blood for hospital blood banks. Each person was requested to donate between 300 and 400 grams of blood. Among the first to volunteer were the chiefs of personnel and the political "guides". Their example was later followed by the workers.
3. A new government project calls for the evacuation from Constanta of 16,000 "politically unreliable" persons.

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1. Eight hundred [] Communist bandits were employed as workers in a textile mill in Botosani.
2. At meetings held throughout the country immediately after the monetary reform, workers were told that the Government was compelled to change its currency because "American planes had dropped into the country large quantities of forged Rumanian currency".
3. A riot broke out at the Vulcan Factory in Bucharest early in February 1952. The riot, which [] was provoked by unsatisfied workers who had received their pay in old lei only a few days before the monetary reform, was quelled by a force of 300 militia. After the riot, the management of the factory granted salary advances to the workers. Reportedly, similar riots took place at the 23 August Factory and the Grivita CFR workshops, also in protest against the monetary reform.

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